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SUBJECT: UNSC SOMALIA SANCTIONS COMMITTEE: ARMS EMBARGO  
EXEMPTION REQUEST

REF: A. S/AC.29/2009/OC.7  
[1](#)B. S/AC.29/2009/COMM.37  
[1](#)C. TRINGALE-ORBACH JUNE 11 2009 E-MAIL

[1](#)1. This is an action request. Please see paragraphs 2 and 3.

[1](#)2. USUN is requested to seek from the Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia an exemption to the arms embargo on Somalia established by the Security Council in resolution 733(1992). Text of the exemption request is included in paragraph 4.

[1](#)3. USUN should also submit to the committee information supplied via ref C on the shipment for which we had previously requested (and were granted by the committee) on short-notice an exemption to the arms embargo. In that request, we had indicated that we would provide the committee more details on the shipment once we had them.

[1](#)4. BEGIN LETTER

In accordance with paragraph 11 (b) of resolution 1772 (2007), the U.S. Mission hereby requests approval for an exemption to the arms embargo imposed on Somalia by UN Security Council resolution 733 (1992).

The United States Government intends to provide the Transitional Federal Government (TFG) with an emergency shipment of approximately 75 tons of ammunition as soon as transportation arrangements can be made that will consist of 7.62mm, 12.7mm, 14.5mm, 23 mm, 37 mm, RPG-7, 60mm mortars, and 81/82 mortars. The United States will transport this ammunition from Entebbe, Uganda to Mogadishu Airport, Somalia. The United States also plans to provide the TFG with communications equipment, including VHF handhelds, base stations, and repeaters. The United States Government is providing this emergency support to reinforce the National Security Force (NSF) as it defends the TFG against armed opposition groups. In light of the on-going fighting in Mogadishu, this emergency support is needed to ensure the continued war-fighting capacity of the NSF and the survival of the TFG, whose role is key to the continuation of the political and reconciliation process outlined in paragraphs 1 - 5 of resolution 1772 (2007).

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

END LETTER

[1](#)4. Department appreciates Mission's efforts.  
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